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In re Application of:

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WITH TORTUOUS PATH



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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated September 6, 2002, applicants elect for prosecution the species of the instant invention directed to Fig. 2. The claims that read on Fig. 2 are claims 1-3, 5-12, 14-20 and 22-26.

Applicants further state that claims 1-2, 5-11, 14-19 and 22-26 are generic claims that read on both species of Figs. 2 and 7.

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